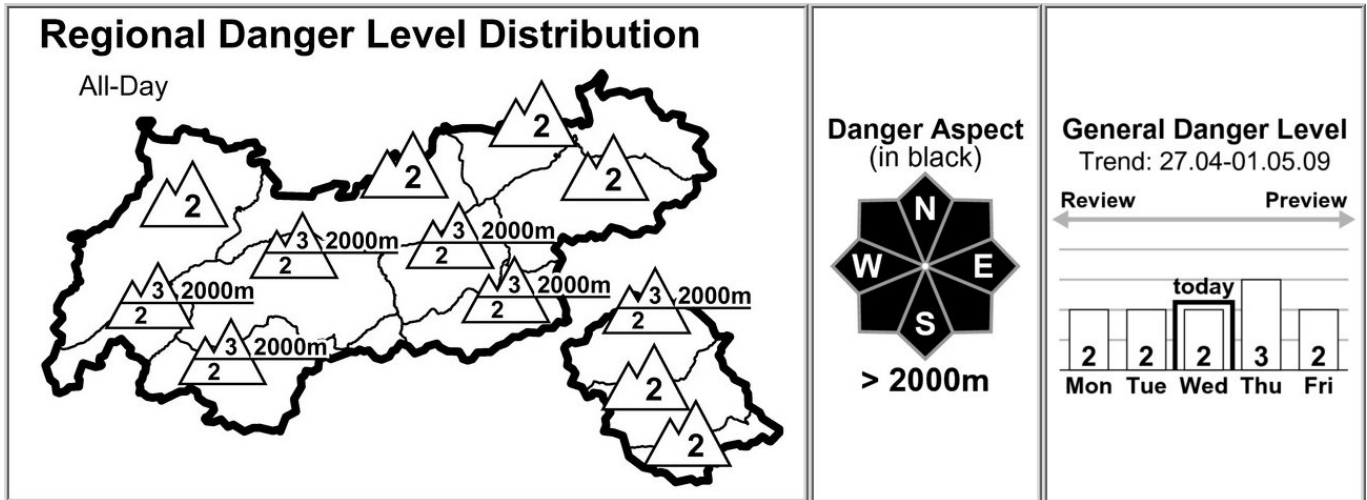


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SLIGHTLY ESCALATING AVALANCHE DANGER DUE TO SNOWFALL

AVALANCHE DANGER

Due to new snow, the avalanche danger is expected to increase somewhat. Particularly along the Main Alpine Ridge, even minimal additional loading can trigger avalanches, raising the danger level to 3, "considerable". Avalanche prone locations are to be found on steep slopes in all expositions above approximately 2000 m, naturally triggered loosely packed avalanches are possible which can sweep along the thoroughly wet old snowpack and attain large size. Below about 2200 m, isolated natural sluffs and wet snow avalanches are possible again today.

SNOW LAYERING

The foehn wind influence has collapsed and it began to rain last night, with snowfall above about 1000 to 1400 m. Along the Main Alpine Ridge and in East Tyrol, there was 10 to 15 cm of new snow, further to the north there was less. As precipitation began, the wind slackened off; thus, no notable new snowdrift accumulations have formed. The freshly fallen snow blankets a generally wet old snowpack up to intermediate altitudes. The bonding of the new snow to the surface is generally quite good.

ALPINE WEATHER FORECAST (ZAMG-WEATHER SERVICE INNSBRUCK)

General weather conditions: a pronounced low pressure zone coming from England has reached the Alps. Winds have shifted to northwesterly and are supplying Tyrol with wet, cold air masses, which tomorrow will only gradually become drier. Mountain weather today: fog and snowfall. By tomorrow morning, up to 30 cm of new snow is expected, in places even more. The chances for sunshine today are nearly non-existent. Temperature at 2000 m: minus 2 degrees; at 3000 m: minus 7 degrees. Moderate winds gradually shifting to northwesterly; the winds may turn quite gusty this afternoon.

SHORT TERM DEVELOPMENT

Brief increase in avalanche danger.

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